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Population

1. The population of Soviet Turkestan includes 9,000,000 of Kazakh or Kirghiz descent and several million Slavic settlers. ^{25X1A} Comment: Source probably is referring to the Turkmen, Uzbek, Kirghiz, and Tadzhik S.S.R.'s but not to the Kazakh S.S.R.). There are now very few nomadic tribes; almost all have settled on collective farms. Many of the natives are employed in factories.

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Economic Development

Comment: It is not clear to what base the percentages of increase in the following paragraph have reference.)

2. The Slavs are training the other inhabitants in industrial and agricultural techniques. Before the war the total value of industrial production in the Turkmen, Uzbek, Kirghiz, and Tadzhik S.S.R.'s was U.S. \$900,000,000 (figure uncertain). Though production fell off during the war, the former level has again been attained. The increase in production by light and heavy industries was 60% in 1946.

Crude oil	20% per year (sic)
Coal	80% per year (sic)
Construction materials	60%
Glass	120%

The production of consumers' goods has increased to 60%. Most notable progress has been made by the clothing industry, with an increase of 150%. Coal production in three selected years was as follows:

1935	1,200,000	tons
1940	4,000,000	tons
1946	4,100,000 (?)	tons

Production of crude oil, textiles, cement, and hides is also in progress. The value of industrial products is 80% of the value of agricultural products. Industrial centers, with a labor force kindred in race to the natives of Sinkiang, are being developed along the Chinese border. This will soon have an influence in the political tendencies of Central Asia.

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Electro-Chemical Kombinat

3. The important Chirohik Dam and power plant have been constructed forty miles northwest of Tashkent (41°30' N, 69°20' E), near the small towns of Iskander (approximately 42°N, 69°45' E) and Troitzki. The Electro-Chemical Kombinat for the production of nitrogen, hydrogen, ammonia, and chemical fertilizer is joined to the power plant. Various electrolytic processes possible in the Kombinat might in the near future become important in developing atomic energy. The war delayed the construction, but the Electro-Chemical Kombinat will be finished in 1947 or 1948. The plant will be the world's largest producer of nitrogen and hydrogen by electrolysis.

Agriculture

4. The greatest progress in farming on hitherto barren land with the aid of tractors has been made in the Uzbek S.S.R.

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